

Durham Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

April 27, 1999

Chairman Jim Conner called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Members in attendance were Jim Conner, Allen Dearry, Ed Harrison, Steve Hiltner, Joseph Jackson, and Brian Morton. Staff in attendance were Sue Burke and Alex Waddell. David Kirkpatrick, Marion Johnson-Thompson requested an excused absence. Jerad Bales was absent. Freddie Putney will be sending a letter of resignation.

Natural Resource Protection Amendments: Tree Protection and Land Disturbing Ordinances will have public hearings on May 3, 1999 for City Council and May 10, 1999 for Board of County Commissioners. Jim Conner reported that Floyd McKissick brokered a compromise between the environmentalists and the developers based on Draft 3 of the Natural Resource Protection Ordinances. The items for consideration were floodplain, wetlands, and steep slopes. These issues will go before the Joint City-County Planning Commission May 5, 1999 and then on to the Zoning Commission May 13, 1999 before holding Public Hearings hopefully in June 1999.

Shearon Harris Nuclear Waste Storage Facility Expansion: Jim Conner was moderator at a panel discussion for intervention in Chapel Hill. The panel included the consultant, Gordon Thompson, and scientist, David Lochbaum as well as representatives from Chapel Hill, Chatham County, Durham County, & CP&L. Orange County filed the intervention. NRC will conduct a hearing involving the attorneys in Chapel Hill.

Northwest/Northeast Corridor: Brian Morton reported the interested parties in Durham had reached consensus on the preferred route to be submitted to Secretary Tolson and NCDOT. Durham's Department of Transportation will perform modeling analysis for the proposed route and present this information at a meeting on May 17, 1999.

Meeting Notes: Brian Morton made a motion and Ed Harrison seconded the motion to approve the notes from the March 23, 1999 meeting. The notes were approved with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Prepared by Alex Waddell, April 28, 1999